

TODAY IS THE DAY

We intend to close out the balance of our stock of Holiday goods and offer special inducements for today only, so

IT'S UP TO YOU

To get in on some of the bargains we are offering. If you miss this opportunity you'll regret it the rest of your life.

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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Take Oath.—Geo. Kaboth and W. C. Logan yesterday took the oath of office as councilmen from the first and second ward, respectively.

Closes Down.—The logging camp of C. C. Maben and Svenson has been closed down temporarily. It will probably open again next month.

Timber Land Sold.—Nearly one thousand acres of timber land near Seapoope, owned by George Kaboth and a number of others in this city, have been sold to a timber company for \$30,000.

Football!
Portland vs. Astoria!
Christmas Day?
At A. F. C. park.
Game called 2:30 sharp.
Best game of the season.

Arrested For Burglary.—Deputy District Attorney Abercrombie left yesterday for Seaside, where he was called to attend to the case of a man arrested there for burglary. The man's name, which was not learned, is said to be an ex-convict.

Wednesday Evening.—The twenty-seventh of December is the date for the fine concert to be given at the Methodist Church under the auspices of the choir, who will be assisted by Prof. Julian Riping, of Pacific, and the orchestra of twenty voices. Admission 50 cents.

Tree Ornaments

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price after 6 o'clock tonight

Our store will be closed all day Monday.

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GOOD GOODS.
118-122 Twelfth St. Astoria, Ore.

More Examinations.—Secretary Crosby will hold civil service examinations in this city on January 10th and 11th, next, for the following positions in the government service: Domestic science teacher, Indian service; teacher (male), Indian service, and telephone operator (female).

Three-Story Addition.—Plans and specifications are being prepared for a three-story addition to the Bay View Hotel on Commercial street to be made in the near future. The erection of a new residence by Andrew Young will shortly be commenced on the corner of Twelfth and Harrison avenue.

Passed Successfully.—Word was received here yesterday by Secretary C. T. Crosby of the Civil Service, that Charles H. Haddix, A. L. Anderson, and Alexander Karinen, have successfully passed, in their recent examinations for the position of Inspectors of Customs. They underwent examination here on November 20th, last.

Funeral Sunday.—The funeral of Miss Caroline Young of this city will take place Sunday afternoon, Rev. Rydquist, pastor of the First Lutheran Church, officiating. Miss Young passed away Thursday evening of consumption after an illness of some time. The deceased is a niece of Andrew and Benjamin Young, and was 33 years of age.

Accepts Call.—Rev. W. S. Gilbert, of Portland, has accepted a call from the First Presbyterian Church here and will conduct the Christmas service next Sabbath morning. The choir will sing several fine anthems and carols. In the evening there will be a song service. The choir will be assisted by the entire Sunday School and orchestra, and will render some of the nicest Christmas music that has been given here in a long while.

Home For Holidays.—Charlie Chislett, foreman of the Morning Astorian, departed last evening on the 6:10 express for his home in Victoria, B. C., where he will spend Christmas week with his family and friends. There is one particular friend he is very anxious to see, but in his rush forgot to leave her name. However, he is in for a good time and deserves all the pleasure that falls to him. He returns to his post here on New Year's Day.

Mobbed By a Thousand.—For several days past Johnson Brothers, the Twelfth-street grocers, advertised that Santa Claus would make another appearance in Astoria in front of their store on Friday evening, from 6:30 to 7:30 and there present each child with a bag of goodies, candies, cookies, nuts, and fruits. Hence, when the appointed time arrived last night, it seemed as if every child in town was on hand and not one was overlooked; for a time it seemed as if the children had full sway, and that it would be impossible to make a distribution without overlooking some of the less aggressive youngsters, but by the aid of the entire force of clerks each child was given a package, and went home rejoicing.

No Mail Delivery.—Next Monday, Christmas day, the post office will be open only the usual Sunday hours from 12:30 to 1:30. The carriers will not deliver mail on that day to any part of the city.

Creditable Number.—The Astorian is in receipt of the holiday number of the Astoria high school Journal "Zephyrus." It is a very creditable issue and reflects the painstaking care of its young editors and contributors. It is nicely put up and no one, including subscribers, need complain of it, in any way. It might be permissible to suggest that the "proof-reading" be done just a shade more closely, otherwise there is absolutely nothing to find fault with.

Certificate Refused.—D. H. Welch yesterday morning applied to City Auditor Anderson for a certificate of election as police commissioner for a term of four years. His request was refused by the auditor until the matter could be passed upon by the city attorney. Mr. Anderson was not sure whether Mr. Welch was entitled to the certificate, as his name had not been printed on the ticket and the election ordinance passed by the council does not provide for the election of a commissioner for the four-year term.

Three Deeds Filed.—There were three changes in Clat-op realty titles filed in the county clerk's office yesterday, namely: Thomas Linville, sheriff, to Ross, Higgins & Company, sheriff's deed, pursuant to judgment, conveying lot 6 in township 8, north range 9 west, Robert C. Wright to Ross, Higgins & Company, warranty title, conveying the same property; F. W. Ferguson and wife to J. E. Ferguson, warranty title, consideration \$10, conveying lot 4, block 80, McClure's Astoria.

To Baker City.—John Grover, a former resident of Astoria, but who of late has been assistant weather observer at Portland has been transferred from Portland to Baker City, the Eastern Oregon station, where he will be located permanently. The man whose place Mr. Grover takes at Baker City, went insane. He had but lately been transferred to that station from the low altitude of Panama, and it is said that the change from sea level to the high altitude of Baker City, caused him to lose his mind. He had been acting strangely for about a month, and the irregularity and inconsistency of his reports to the Portland office, caused an investigation, with the result that he was found to be mentally deranged.

Queer Proceeding.—A citizen of the Deep River country lost his reason on Thursday night and it became necessary to bind him in order to prevent his doing an injury to his family; and yesterday he was shipped to Astoria via the steamer Shamrock. Upon his arrival here the sheriff was notified of his insanity and presence here, and Mr. Linville at once took charge of the case. As the man hailed from the Washington shore it was determined by the officers here not to interfere, and Sheriff Linville immediately put him on board the steamer Jordan, took him to Cathlamet, the county seat of Wabkiakum county, Washington, and turned him over to the proper authorities. His name was John Lasaka.

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Sunday services at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 o'clock p. m.; Sunday School at 12:30 o'clock p. m.; services at Holy Innocents, 10:30 o'clock a. m.; Sunday School at 3 o'clock p. m.

The Christmas tree and carol service at Grace Church this evening at 6:30 o'clock p. m., a short carol service with offerings for the Child's Comfort Cot No. 3 at the Good Samaritan Hospital, and then the tree and a good time down stairs, immediately afterwards.

Christmas Day, an early celebration of the Holy Communion at 6:30 o'clock a. m. and a second celebration with morning prayer, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. The offerings on Christmas Day will be for the Aged and Infirm Clergy Fund.

Frank Cunningham of Hammond, Oregon, was a business visitor in town yesterday. Mr. Cunningham is candidate for Mayor on the Taxpayers League ticket at the election to be held in January.

The event of the week will be the concert at the Methodist Church Wednesday evening December 27th at 8:15. Admission 50 cents.

Get one of those new style graphophones for Christmas, at Eilers Branch Store, 424 Commercial street, A. R. Cyrus, manager.

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COMMERCIALS ALL READY.

Will Put Up a Stiff Showing For the Portlanders.

Commercial is getting into good shape for the big Christmas day game with the fast eleven of the Portland Athletic Club. The Astorians realize that they are going up against a hard aggregation, and, as they have never been defeated on their own grounds, they are anxious to hold up their reputation. Incidentally they are desirous of making up for the defeat at Seattle, which, of course, was not really deserved in so pronounced a manner.

Cherry, whose work at the University of Oregon has been one of the features of the season, will play center for Commercial Christmas day. Bay will go to an end position, with McConrin, while the back field will be made up of Abercrombie at fullback, Painter and Tulley as halfbacks, Graham as quarterback. The front line will comprise Gammal and Goddard, guards; Minard and Sutton, tackles.

The goal line of the Portland team has not been in danger during the season, and Commercial will, in the opinion of local enthusiasts, have to go some to score. Christmas without football is as miserable as Christmas without turkey, and it is expected that a large crowd will be out. The club is striving to secure a field in the East End for next season, and a little enthusiastic support on the part of the public will aid materially in the plans.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Gustaf E. Rydquist, pastor. There will not be the regular service at the First Lutheran Church tomorrow. The pastor leaves this morning for Chinook to conduct the Christmas tree exercises at the Lutheran Church of that place. He will return Sunday morning on the launch Louise. The funeral services over the late Caroline Young will be held at the church at 1 o'clock p. m., on Sunday. According to the custom of the church there will be early morning service at the church beginning at 5:30 o'clock. This service is looked forward to as no other service during the year. The church is beautifully decorated for the occasion. Over one hundred colored candles have been placed in the church to help in the illumination. On Christmas Day evening, at 7:30, the Sunday School will give its annual Christmas entertainment. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public for these services and entertainments.

Do you wish to study the piano? Piano harmony and history of music taught at Miss Tawney's studio, 502 Commercial. Fulton building, Phone Black, 2146.

N. A. Ackerman, 421 Bond St., does all manner of taxidermy, furniture upholstery, carpet cleaning and laying, mat tress making a specialty and all work guaranteed.

The ladies of the Congregational church are preparing for a sale of all kinds of eatables the coming Saturday afternoon. Home-made cooking will be much in evidence.

The Little Book Store for sale.

MOVED AND READY.

Charles Heilborn & Co., have moved into their new store and make the announcement that they are now open for business and are ready to fill all orders promptly.

SPECIAL SALE.

On Saturday next, December 23, there will be a sale of burnt-leather and wood, at Mrs. Sarah Ross' millinery store.

CLOSING OUT SALE.

On the fifteenth of November, the entire stock of goods at the Little Book Store, will be put on sale at cost. Christmas bargains in books, stationery novelties, etc. 174 Tenth street.

YOUR NEXT.

Never have to wait long at the Occident Barber Shop. A. E. Peterson, proprietor.

Wood! Wood! Wood! Wood! Wood! For choice dry box-wood, telephone 2064 Black, or leave orders at the Astoria Grocery. O. Nelson, "The Wood Man."

Miss Molly Reynolds of Portland will play at the Methodist Concert December 27th.

Mrs. Tilda Anderson, message, 1470 Grand Avenue. Given either at home or will call.

A List of Helpful Hints for Gift-Buyers

- Smoking Jackets \$5.00 up
- Bath Robes \$4.00 up
- Gloves \$1.00 up
- Evening Dress Protectors \$1.50 up
- Braces, fancy50c up
- Umbrellas \$1.00 up
- Waistcoats, fancy \$1.50 up
- Bags and Suit Cases \$2.50 up
- Neckwear50c up
- Hosiery, fancy25c up
- Handkerchiefs25c up
- Shirts \$1.00 up
- Pajamas \$1.50 up
- Night Robes \$1.00 up
- Underwear, suit \$1.00 up
- SUITS and OVERCOATS**
- For Men \$10.00 up
- For Boys \$4.00 up

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